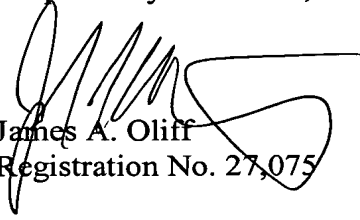


**REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 17 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, and 17 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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